Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1–53 (Canceled)

54. (Currently Amended) A medical device for use in a medical procedure comprising:

a manually graspable handle;

an elongated shaft projecting from the handle, the shaft being sized and shaped to be positioned through a small incision in the chest of a patient and defining a proximal section comprising a rigid, elongated metal tube and a distal section comprising metal and a rounded distal tip portion adapted to be slid relative to tissue, the shaft including a joint comprising a pin that moveably couples the distal section to the proximal section thereby allowing the distal section to pivot relative to the proximal section;

a non-conductive material surrounding at least a portion of the elongated shaft;

a remote actuator proximal the distal section for selectively controlling the actuation of the joint;

a power source comprising a battery;

a light located on the [[medical device]] distal section and electrically coupled to the power source; and

a switch located on the medical device for activating the delivery of electrical power from the power source, wherein the light is visible when power is being delivered.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the distal section includes a passage.

57. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the distal section includes an opening.

58. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the distal section includes a hole.

59. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the distal section includes a slot.

60. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the actuator comprises a knob.

61. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the actuator comprises a button.

62. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the actuator comprises a lever.

63. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the actuator comprises a slide.

64. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein at least a portion of the distal section of the elongated shaft defines a uniform radius of curvature.

65. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the handle is rigidly coupled to the shaft such that the shaft is readily manipulated via movement of the handle.

66. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, further comprising a sensor located at the distal section of the elongated shaft.

67. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the actuator is located at the handle.

68. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the proximal section includes an internal lumen.

69. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein at least a portion of the shaft is malleable.

70. (Previously presented) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the medical procedure is an ablation procedure.

71. (Previously presented) A medical device for use in a medical procedure comprising:

a manually graspable, non-conductive handle;

an elongated shaft projecting from the handle, the shaft being sized and shaped to be positioned through a small incision in the chest of a patient and defining a proximal section comprising a rigid, elongated metal tube and a distal section comprising metal and a rounded tip portion adapted to be slid relative to tissue, the rounded tip portion being free of any electrode movable relative to the rounded tip portion, the shaft including a joint comprising a pin that moveably couples the distal section to the proximal section thereby allowing the distal section to pivot relative to the proximal section;

a non-conductive material surrounding at least a portion of the elongated shaft;

a remote actuator located at the handle for selectively controlling the actuation of the joint;

a power source comprising a battery;

a light located on the medical device and electrically coupled to the power source; and

an activator located at the handle for activating the delivery of power from the power source, wherein the light is visible when power is being delivered.